

DEER: Salvage of roadkill not legal till 2019

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crashes involving wildlife are often due to drivers swerving to avoid hitting an animal.”

Rules have changed regarding salvage of roadkill deer and elk — but they haven’t taken effect yet.

OSP reports that several times already this year, a trooper has arrived at the scene of a vehicle collision with a deer or elk and the driver has asked if the animal can be salvaged and taken home. ODFW offices are also getting such requests.

The answer is no, not yet. New rules allowing drivers to lawfully salvage roadstruck deer and elk don’t take effect until January 1, 2019.

After any wildlife-vehicle collision, ODFW, OSP or ODOT attempt to salvage animals and will donate edible meat to a local food bank when possible.

With the passage of SB 372 by the 2017 Oregon State Legislature, drivers will also be able to salvage roadkilled deer and elk for the meat beginning January 1, 2019. The Legislature gave ODFW time to develop a safe, responsible salvage program. As with all regulations, ODFW staff will write draft rules and present them to the Fish and Wildlife Commission for public comment and consideration before adoption.

“ODFW will work to write rules that make getting a permit to legitimately salvage a roadstruck deer or elk as simple as possible, but that also discourage poaching,” says Doug Cottam, ODFW Wildlife Division Administrator.

Salvaging roadkill has been unlawful to discourage people from deliberately hitting a game animal with their vehicle in order to keep the meat or antlers, or from poaching an animal and covering it up by claiming it was roadkilled.

“OSP will continue to aggressively enforce wildlife laws once this new regulation takes effect,” added OSP’s Fugate.

Until 2019, current Oregon wildlife regulations remain in place and state, “No person shall possess or transport any game mammal or part thereof, which has been illegally killed, found or killed for humane reasons, except shed antlers, unless they have notified and received permission from personnel of the Oregon State Police or ODFW prior to transporting.”

Even licensed hunters may not pick up roadkilled deer and elk during legal hunting



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

He’s got something on his mind... and it’s not watching for cars.

seasons.

For more information about roadkill and what to do

if your car hits a wild animal, visit ODFW’s webpage at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us>.

Oregon officials say sea lion disease could spread to dogs

SALEM (AP) — State officials are warning Oregonians to keep their dogs away from sea lions.

A bacterial outbreak that began last month has been causing sick or dead sea lions to strand themselves on beaches in Lincoln, Tillamook and Clatsop counties.

The disease can spread through contact with urine or other bodily fluids of an infected animal. Dogs are more likely to come into

contact with distressed sea lions, so they face a higher risk of infection than people.

State public health veterinarian Emilio DeBess says dog owners should keep their pets on a leash while at the beach.

The outbreak of leptospirosis is expected to last at least another month. At least eight cases have been confirmed in dead sea lions in Oregon.

The most recent such outbreak in the state was in 2010.

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